

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (CLOSED)

19FEB08

DEATH (II)

CONTROL: 08JAN07-24IZ-0008-7HMA/C

V/SAOUD, SADIK ABDULLAH/CIV  
M/W/FNIQ/N///IRAQ  
A/SAOUD, SADIQ ABDULLAH//  
A/SOAAAD, SADEK ABDALLA//

COMMAND/BLT 2/4 15TH MEU CAMP AL ASAD, IRAQ/40280

MADE AT/MWPE/CAMP PENDLETON CA/ (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT

## REFERENCE(S)

- (A) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq, ROI (INTERIM)/22Jan07  
(Contains Exhibits 1-16)
- (B) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad Iraq, ROI (INTERIM)/06Mar07
- (C) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad Iraq, ROI (INTERIM)/13Mar07
- (D) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad Iraq, ROI (INTERIM)/02May07
- (E) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad Iraq, ROI (INTERIM)/28May07 (Contains  
Exhibit 17)
- (F) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/23Jul07(Contains  
Exhibits 18-20)
- (G) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/31Aug07
- (H) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/10Oct07(Contains Exhibits  
21-22)
- (I) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INTERIM)/06Dec07(Contains Exhibits  
23-25)
- (J) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INERIM)/15Jan08 (Contains Exhibit  
26)
- (K) NCISFO Marine Corps West ROI (INERIM)/13Feb08

## EXHIBIT(S)

(27) IA: Liaison with Command/14Feb08...(Copy All/Less MWFO)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 10Jan07, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Staff Judge Advocate (SJA),  
Regimental Combat Team 7 (RCT-7) reported that on 08Jan07, V/SAOUD  
died (at GPS (b)(7)(F) of an apparent heart attack while  
being detained by a squad from Golf Company, Battalion Landing Team  
(BLT) 2/4, during a foot patrol in the Barwanah, Iraq (BI) region.  
Inquiries revealed V/SAOUD, (b)(7)(E)

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reportedly passed a fictitious document (b)(7)(E)  
(b)(7)(E)

V/SAOUD traversed a Traffic Control Point (TCP) in BI and after  
leaving the area, it was determined by the TCP watch that the  
document was fraudulent in nature, which resulted in a "be on the  
lookout for" (BOLO) being issued for the black Opel vehicle that  
V/SAOUD was driving at the time. Subsequently, during routine patrol  
in the BI area, a squad from Golf Company BLT 2/4 came upon the  
vehicle and stopped and detained V/SAOUD, during which time V/SAOUD  
died.

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2. On 11Jan07, interviews of command members stationed at Expedition Observation Post Playboy Mansion in BI were conducted. On 12Jan07, the Marines involved in the detention of V/SAOUD were interviewed and provided statements indicating that V/SAOUD had a heart attack and cardio pulmonary resuscitation was administered. The Marines maintained that V/SAOUD initially resisted detention and they had to physically put V/SAOUD on the ground in order to flex cuff him. The Marines all stated at no point did they hit or abuse V/SAOUD. On 16Jan07, V/SAOUD's family members were interviewed and command obtained hand-written Arabic statements from family members, a doctor, and a witness, all of whom claimed that the Marines involved assaulted V/SAOUD. All efforts to obtain permission from V/SAOUD's family and the Iraqi government to exhume V/SAOUD's body were unsuccessful.

## NARRATIVE

1. This was a reactive investigation initiated to document the death of V/SAOUD, which occurred on 08Jan07, and pertains to suspected violations of article 128 (Assault), Uniform Code of Military Justice.

2. On 14Feb08, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, declined to pursue any administrative or judicial action against any Marines present during the detention of V/SAOUD; Exhibit (27) pertains.

3. No further investigative tasking requested or anticipated. This investigation is closed.

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